GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TESTING OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act/Rules which differentiates counterfeit, spurious and sub-standard medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to launch a pilot project which envisages testing of safety and quality of medicines by patients in accredited Government approved laboratories at extremely low cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Separate definitions for Standards of quality, Misbranded, Adulterated and Spurious drugs have been provided in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. There is, no definition of 'counterfeit' medicines in this Act.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.